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BIRTH
On the 22nd October, at 24, Broadway, Shanghai,
the wife of F. WILKINSON, I.B.M.S. Consul
Service, of a daughter.

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, October 29th 1900.

The Japanese Yen Bill was passed through
all its stages by the Legislative Council of the
Straits Settlements on the 15th October.
The object of the Bill is to prohibit the
importation of Japanese yen, a step for which
there may be very good reasons, but it
cannot be said that those reasons were
set out with any lucidity, either in the
Attorney-General's printed statement of
objects and reasons or in the debate in
Council. In his speech in Council the
Attorney-General mentioned the deprecia-
tion of the silver yen in Japan
and went on to say that "The result was
that there were millions of these de-
preciated coins to be disposed of which
would be of full value here (the Straits)."
That might result in serious inconvenience,
if they were imported to take the place of
our own currency. Now the Japanese
silver yen has not been depreciated at all
in relation to the British dollar, being of
exactly the same weight and fineness. Each
of the coins is worth simply the value
of the silver it contains. If the hon.
gentleman had simply said that as a
British dollar was now available it
was deemed desirable to exclude foreign
coins from the circulation he would have
given a reason that would have been
accepted as sufficient. In the Straits the
yen is legal tender, but this Bill, which
prevents any addition to the amount already
in circulation, is apparently intended as a
preliminary to the ultimate demonetization
of the coin. Mr. MUNNAY, one of the un-
official members, expressed the opinion that
there was no necessity for the demonetization
unless the Government was in sympathy
with the movement that had lately taken
place for the establishment of a gold cur-
rency in the colony, and of such sympathy
he said the Government had given no indica-
tion whatever, except in what had fallen
from His Honour the Chief Justice in his
Government in the address they had
just heard. The address referred to was
the Acting Governor's address on the
Estimates, and his reference to this subject
was confined to the fact that the
proposal to adopt a gold currency,
which had been discussed by the Chambers
of Commerce, was still under consideration
by the authorities in England. It may be
that the demonetization of the yen is in-
tended as a preliminary step in preparing
the way for the adoption of a gold standard,
but apart from that measure, which is not
the general principle of having the currency
composed exclusively of domestic coins
when these are available in sufficient
quantity.

In Hongkong the Japanese yen is not
a legal tender, but it circulates almost
as freely as if it were, and so long as it
contains approximately a hundred cents
worth of silver the holders need entertain
no alarm. No one is bound to accept it,
however, if they do not feel inclined.
That being the position of affairs, probably
the Government will not think it necessary
to take any steps to prevent the importation
of Japanese yen into this colony, though it
would be more satisfactory to have the cir-
culation composed exclusively of British
dollars if that result could be arrived at
without serious inconvenience. The incon-
venience, however, would be serious, because
the yen circulates to a considerable extent
in China, and there is no machinery by
which its being brought into this colony,
either from China or Japan, could be easily
prevented. In the statement of objects and
reasons attached to the Bill just passed
at Singapore it was said that holders
of yen demonetized in Japan and were
below the proper standard of weight
would have no remedy for their loss.
Upon that Mr. MUNNAY pertinently
asked who was responsible for the British
dollar in case of wearing. The Acting
Governor replied that he himself had asked
the same question when the British dollar
was on the point of being introduced, and
the reply he got was that the point would
have to be dealt with when it arose. If
the law on this subject is the same in the
Straits as in Hongkong, which we believe
to be the case, the question of depreciation,
when it arises, will have to be dealt with
solely by the holders of the depreciated coins.
The standard weight of the British dollar
is 416 grains and its least current weight
411 grains. When a coin becomes worn
below the mentioned weight and is re-
fused as legal tender there is nothing
for the holder to do but to sell it for
the value of the silver it contains and
himself bear the loss of 24 cents or what-
ever the exact amount may be. In Eng-
land light gold coin which has not been
illegally dealt with is received by the Bank
of England on behalf of the Mint at its full
nominal value, and the loss therefore falls
upon the Mint, which is a reasonable ar-
rangement in a country that conducts its own
currency; in such cases it is fair that the
public, through the Government, should bear
the loss by fair wear and tear of coins in
circulation. But in Hongkong and the
Straits the Governments have no direct in-
terest in the currency, except in the sub-
sidary edging, the dollars being struck at
the Indian mints in consideration of a
seigniorage and imported by the Banks
as a purely mercantile operation. The
Government therefore cannot be called
upon to give new dollars for old ones
that have fallen below the least cur-
rent weight, and neither the Banks
nor the Indian Mints will do so, for their
interest in each individual coin ceases as
soon as it leaves their hands. There seems
therefore no alternative but to allow the
loss to fall on the ultimate holder of the
depreciated coin. The contingency is not
one that need occasion much appre-
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Potts (Secretary), W. H. Ray, G. C. Cox, and
A. L. W. (Auditor).
The Secretary read the notice convening the
meeting.

The Chairman said—The report and state-
ment of accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1899, were laid before the meeting. They
showed a profit of £1,000, and the Chairman
said that the company was in a very healthy
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This has

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YAMASHIRO MARU	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 28th October, at 4 P.M.
HIROSHIMA MARU	BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TUESDAY, 1st November, at Noon.
SANUKI MARU	KORE and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 2nd November, at 4 P.M.
KINKIRU MARU	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., NAGA-SAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 8th November, at 4 P.M.
SADO MARU	MARSHALLS, LONDON, and AFRICA via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 8th November, at 4 P.M.

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A. S. MIKARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 28th October, 1896.

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Tons	Tons
Captain	Captain
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SHANGHAI	Despatch	About 28th	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	L. M. Wibmer, R.N.	1st October	
YOKOHAMA VIA NA-ROHIMA	O. F. Preston, R.N.	1st October	See Special Advertisement.
YOKOHAMA VIA NA-ROHIMA	B. G. B. Lockyer, R.N.	1st October	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON	D. C. Greer, R.N.	1st November	

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LONDON	Andania	Brit. str.	Andania
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	Paros	Brit. str.	Paros
BREMEN VIA PORT OF CALL	Havre & Hamburg	Brit. str.	Havre & Hamburg
HAVRE & HAMBURG	Stalder	Brit. str.	Stalder
MARSHALLS, LONDON, &c.	Sado Maru	Brit. str.	Sado Maru
MARSHALLS, LONDON, &c.	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
TACOMA VIA SUEZ CANAL	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
VICTORIA, B.C., &c.	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
PORTLAND, OREGON, &c.	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
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SAN FRANCISCO VIA SUEZ CANAL	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
NEW YORK	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
KORE & YOKOHAMA	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
NAGASAKI, KOBE, &c.	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
NAGASAKI & VICTORIA	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
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MANILA	Yamashiro Maru	Brit. str.	Yamashiro Maru
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